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In re Application of	:	
HARRY R. DAVIS	:	
Application No. 10/057,629	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION
Filed: January 25, 2002	:	FOR
Atty Docket No. CV01382K	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)," filed August 30, 2007. Applicant requests correction of the patent term adjustment from 612 days to 921 days partly on the basis of the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent.

The request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment is **GRANTED to the extent indicated herein.**

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct patent term adjustment determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **611 days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

To the extent that the instant application for patent term adjustment requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment as it relates to the Office's failure to issue the patent within three years of the filing date, a decision is being **held in abeyance** until after the actual patent date. Knowledge of the actual date the patent issues is required to calculate the amount, if any, of additional patent term patentee is entitled to for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. See 37 CFR 1.703(b). It is noted that at the time of this decision the patent has not issued.

Applicant is given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the issue date of the patent to file a written request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. A copy of this decision should accompany the request. Applicant may seek such consideration without payment of an additional fee. However, as to all other bases for seeking reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent, all requirements of 37 CFR 1.705(d) must be met. Requests for reconsideration on other bases must be timely filed and must include payment of the required fee.

On June 25, 2007, the Office mailed a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. Applicant was advised that the patent term adjustment to date is 612 days. On August 30, 2007, applicant timely filed the instant request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment.¹ Applicant directs the Office's attention to the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on May 10, 2005, after the filing of a notice of appeal on May 9, 2005, but before the filing of the appeal brief on June 6, 2005. Specifically, applicant asserts that the patent term adjustment should be reduced by one day for the period from the filing of the notice of appeal until the filing of the IDS in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).

The Office notes that the filing of the IDS on May 10, 2005, after the filing of the notice of appeal and before the filing of the appeal brief (i.e. during the period of perfecting the appeal), is not a circumstance that constitutes a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8). Accordingly, the filing of the IDS on May 10, 2005, is not a supplemental reply or other paper within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).

Nevertheless, a review of the application history reveals that the Office incorrectly entered the date of the final decision in favor of applicant by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as March 1, 2007, instead of February 28, 2007. The date of February 28, 2007, and not March 1, 2007, should have been used in calculating patent term adjustment. Thus, the

¹ Office records indicate that the issue fee payment was received on September 24, 2007.

period of adjustment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(e) is 661 days, the number of days beginning on the date on which the notice of appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was filed, May 9, 2005, and ending on the date of a final decision in favor of applicant by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, February 28, 2007.

In view thereof, the patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **611 days** (760 days of Office delay - 149 days of applicant delay).

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Applicant is reminded that if an application is entitled to an adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B), the entire period during which the application was pending (except for periods excluded under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(i)-(iii)), and not just the period beginning three years after the actual filing date of the application, is the period of delay under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) in determining whether periods of delay overlap under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A). Thus, any days of delay for Office issuance of the patent more than three years after the filing date of the application that overlap with the days of patent term adjustment accorded prior to the issuance of the patent will not result in any additional patent term adjustment. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B), 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A) and 37 CFR 1.703(f). See also *Revision of Patent Term Extension and Patent Term Adjustment Provisions; Final Rule*, 69 Fed. Reg. 21704 (April 22, 2004).

The application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kery A. Fries". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a stylized 'F'.

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PALM INTRANET**PTA Calculations for Application: 10/057629**

Application Filing Date:	01/25/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	761
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	149
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	611
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